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Sir:

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German Patent Publication No. 101 46 837 A1 discloses a twin clutch gearbox. The International Search Report indicates that the Figures are particularly relevant to claims 6 and 7.

German Patent Publication No. 103 20 280 A1 discloses a transmission that has a pair of clutches as seen in Figure 10. The International Search Report indicates that Figure 10 is particularly relevant to claim 11.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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